

The next WISSH meeting is Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 3:30 p.m.

Town of Wenham  
Wenham Issues of Social Service Housing  
Meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2007 ~ 3:30 PM  
Recreation Building, School Street

Present: Susan Harnisch, Chair; Jack Hauck; Margaret Scoglio; Sue Bannon; Tom Tanous; Susan Carp; Don Killam (4:18 pm)

Also Present: Catherine Tinsley, Secretary

Not Present: Bob Blanchard; Win Dodge; Cal Perkins; Ann Mulry- Shaw; Ken Walsh; Don Luxton

Abbreviations used in these minutes:

WISSH - Wenham Issues of Social Service Housing

BOS – Board of Selectmen

Information provided:

2007 WISSH Committee meeting schedule

Ms. Harnisch called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes

*Mr. Tanous made a motion to accept the WISSH minutes of December 5, 2006 as written.*

*Ms. Bannon seconded.*

*Voting in favor: Sue Harnisch; Jack Hauck; Margaret Scoglio; Sue Bannon; Tom Tanous; Susan Carp*

*Opposed: None*

*MOTION CARRIED*

Susan Harnisch - WISSH Coordinator

Ms. Harnisch reported the following:

- WISSH Account balance: \$14,361.16 (does not include recent donations)
- \$6100 in donations received to date in response to the letter requesting support mailed with the water bills
- No requests for assistance this month have been submitted

Heather Ford will be asked to attend a WISSH meeting to talk about Hamilton's assistance programs.

The Committee discussed way of getting information about WISSH out to residents.

It was suggested and the committee briefly talked about requesting the BOS to amend the bylaw to increase the maximum amount a resident can receive annually. At this time the committee agreed they did not have enough information to make this request.

Mr. Hauck offered to start a data base including the case no. and the amount as one way to track the assistance needed in town. The use of the money, i.e. utility bills, will be included if available.

Mr. Hauck will also prepare a questionnaire for recipients to fill out voluntarily for feed back to the committee regarding the process and information they receive from WISSH.

Ms. Bannon said that Senior Care is recognizing 35 years of providing services; it is their goal this year to make themselves better known throughout the communities.

It was reported that the Town Administrator, Jeff Chelgren has advised the WISSH Committee that if they do not want jurisdiction of the Brady Fund, the committee should make this request to the BOS.

Mr. Luxton donated a roll of stamps for thank you notes to be sent to those who contribute to the WISSH fund.

4:20pm – Mr. Hauck made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.